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Electricity

Wind Storm Knocks out Power to 140,000 PSE Customers in Northwest Washington

A fierce windstorm on Feb. 4 caused power outages to 140,000 Puget Sound Energy customers in Northwest Washington state. As of 4 p.m. Feb. 5, Puget Sound Energy had restored power to 128,000 customers.

http://home.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/index.jsp?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20060205005025&newsLang=en.

Two OPG 490 MW Coal-Fired Units Shut at Nanticoke Station in Ontario Feb. 6

Unit 1 was shut for a short-term forced outage and Unit 6 was shut for planned maintenance.

Reuters, 11:27 February 6, 2006.

APS' 740 MW Coal-fired Four Corners Unit Shut in New Mexico Late Last Week

The unit was shut for tube leak repairs.

Reuters, 10:45 February 6, 2006.

Entergy's 978 MW River Bend Nuclear Plant in Louisiana Dips to 75 Percent Feb. 6

Reuters, 08:08 February 6

SCE's 1,504 MW Mountain View Gas-Fired Plant Dips to 50 Percent Feb. 6

Reuters, 11:07 February 6, 2006.

Calpine's 530 MW Gas-fired Sutter Plant Shut in California Feb. 5

Reuters, 10:26 February 6, 2006.

Update: Exelon's 619 MW Oyster Creek Nuclear Station Exits Outage and Ramps up to 70 Percent in New Jersey Feb. 6

Reuters, 07:27 February 6, 2006.

Petroleum

Nigerian Erha Field to Begin Pumping 150,000 b/d in March

ExxonMobil will initiate production in March at its deepwater Erha oil field in Nigeria at an initial rate of 150,000 b/d. By the end of the year the company expects production to rise to 200,000 b/d through addition from a satellite field, Erha North. The Erha field will produce a sweet light crude.

Reuters, 11:33 February 6, 2006.

Cat Cracker Down at 190,000 b/d Chalmette, Texas Refinery

Chalmette Refining's catalytic cracker at its 190,000 b/d refinery was offline after storms, traders said on Feb. 3.

Reuters, 11:54 February 6, 2006.

Update: Venezuela Refloats Grounded Tanker Carrying 1.1 million bbls

Venezuela has refloated the Kim Jacob tanker that ran aground on Jan. 28 carrying 1.1 million barrels of crude oil on its way to the Hovensa refinery in St. Croix. The tanker was moved to an anchoring zone for inspection of its hull. A spokeswoman said the tanker was in good condition and that it is unclear whether the tanker will need repairs. The accident did not affect crude supplies to Hovensa nor slow loading operations at the port of Jose. Reuters, 11:37 February 6, 2006.

Chavez Threatens to Shut Venezuelan-owned Refineries in U.S.

Upset over supposed espionage by U.S. diplomats in his country, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez warned that he may close U.S.-based refineries operated by Citgo, the U.S. arm of Venezuela's state-owned PDVSA. The two countries exchanged expulsions of diplomats last week. Chavez said: "If the government of the United States wants to break ties with Venezuela, it's up to them. It would cost me nothing to shut the refineries we have in the United States. We'll see how much oil will go for, or a gallon of gas. I could easily sell the oil we sell to the United States to other countries. We don't want to get to that extreme, we want them to leave us in peace." Venezuela sells about 1.5 million b/d of oil to the U.S. and, through Citgo, has three refineries and close to 14,000 petrol stations in the country.

<http://quote.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=10000006&sid=ariffBmg.C6Q&refer=home>.
<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/8277549.xml?S=n>.

Operations Suspended for Second Day at Major North Sea Facility

High winds have led to the suspension of operations at the Sullom Voe terminal in the North Sea. The terminal is one of the largest in Europe and handles oil from more than 20 fields including Brent. Bloomberg, 06:53, February 6, 2006.

Update: Iran Referred to U.N. Security Council Yet Continues to Pursue Nuclear Research, Driving Global Oil Supply Concerns

<http://quote.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=10000006&sid=ariffBmg.C6Q&refer=home>.

Natural Gas

Washington Gas Proposes LNG Storage Facility in Maryland

Washington Gas has proposed building an LNG storage facility on company property in Chillum, Maryland. The site has previously served as a natural gas storage facility. The size of the facility has not yet been announced. The planned site will be Washington Gas's third gas storage facility in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

<http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/02-01-2006/0004273064&EDATE>.

Trinidad and Tobago Forecasting 22 Percent Increase in LNG Production in 2006

According to Trinidad and Tobago's Minister of Energy, the country anticipates an increase in the production of LNG from 3.2 Bcf/d to 3.9 Bcf/d during 2006.

Bloomberg, 13:09 February 6, 2006.

Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices February 6, 2006			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	65.91	68.35	46.45
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	8.01	8.35	6.12

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Administration to Expand SPR by 300 Million Barrels through Royalty in Kind

Reuters, 13:41 February 6, 2006.

BLM Expects Applications for Onshore Oil and Gas Drilling to Reach Record

Reuters, 11:03 February 6, 2006.

IEA: Bush's Goal to Cut Middle East Oil Dependency Won't Spur OPEC to Invest

Reuters, 13:52 February 6, 2006.

Florida Senators Propose Bill to Ban Drilling in Eastern Gulf of Mexico

http://www.palmbeachpost.com/politics/content/state/epaper/2006/02/02/a12a_fladrill_0202.html.

NRC Seeks Data on Reliability of Nuke Plants' Off-site Power

<http://www.platts.com/Nuclear/News/7246250.xml?S=n>.

NRC Orders Indian Point Nuke Plant to Have Backup Power for Sirens

<http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/newyork/ny-bc-ny--indianpoint0202feb02,0,6776905.story?coll=ny-region-apnewyork>.

IESO Report Tells Ontario Government to Keep Coal-fired Plants Running

http://www.cbc.ca/toronto/story/to_coal20060203.html.

New President of Bolivia's State Energy Company Envisions Latin American Energy Alliance to Control Price and Production of Continent's Oil and Gas

http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/060204/bolivia_gas.html?.v=2.

Shipping Operations Resume After Bad Weather at Iraq's Basra Terminal

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/8277433.xml?S=n>.

Qatar Aiming to Pump 1.1 Million b/d within Four Years

Bloomberg 00:57, February 6, 2006.

Shortfall of Million Barrel Tankers Predicted by 2009

Bloomberg, 08:15 February 6, 2006.

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<http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/twip/twip.asp>

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Weekly Petroleum Status Report from EIA

http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html

Updated after 1:00 PM EST every Wednesday.

Natural Gas Weekly Update from EIA

<http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/ngw/ngupdate.asp>

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